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In re: Patent Application of  
ERIC CLEVER ET AL.

Serial No. 09/188,702

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For: Hermaphroditic (Genderless)  
Construction System

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Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of April 13, 1999 (Paper No. 5), kindly amend

the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 2 and 3 and substitute therefore the following new claims:

AL --4. The female connector as claimed in claim 1 wherein said holes are distinct  
from each other and a web of material is included separating said holes from each other.

5. The female connector as claimed in claim 1 in which said holes are inter-  
connected to each other by a narrow passage extending between said holes.--

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 13, 1999 has been carefully studied and in view of the  
above changes and the following representations, favorable examination on the merits of this  
application is most respectfully requested.